

# Councilmember Esmeralda Soria District 1 News

**Making Neighborhoods Safer and Stronger**

**2018 Second Edition**

## *Councilmember Soria Creating Positive Changes In Neighborhoods Throughout District 1!*



***District 1 Young Councilmembers visiting Facebook Headquarters in Menlo Park, CA for the careers in Technology session of the District 1 Young Councilmember Program!***

Please join us and your neighbors at our District 1 Community Meetings and events. Sign up for our emails to get noticed on the next scheduled meeting. Together we will work to continue making our neighborhoods safer and stronger!!

Thank you for your support during the last four years. We are excited to continue working on your behalf to make District 1 neighborhoods safer and stronger. There are several new projects happening throughout District 1. This year Councilmember Soria was able to secure two Fresno Police Bike Patrol Officers for the Tower District, helped pass a resolution to start the first ever Youth Jobs Taskforce, hosted the first Women's Empowerment Summit in Fresno and supported new housing developments west of Highway 99.

Over the last four years, Councilmember Soria secured additional first time resources for District 1, brought more jobs to our city, placed more police in our neighborhoods, added green space for our children, and created legislation to provide job opportunities for our youth. She has been the voice on tough issues that affect all of our residents regardless of background or socioeconomic status. District 1 has worked incredibly hard to get sidewalks fixed, repave our roads and clean our alleys. All of this could not have been possible without your help and input. Although there have been many accomplishments in District 1, there is still more to do!

***- Esmeralda Soria***



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# Representing and Advocating for District 1

## 2018 Budget Highlights

**As a City we are keeping our commitment to continue critical investment in our city services, build a healthy reserve, invest in our older neighborhoods and our youth.**

### Rebuilding Public Safety

Budget priorities continue to address needed increases in staffing and funds for safety equipment and training in both the Fresno Police and Fire Departments. This fiscal budget also commits to increases in safety support staffing and area bike police patrols.

- **12 Community Service Officers and 13 Dispatcher positions** will be added with priority funding as funds become available in FY 18/19.
- **Two Police Officers** will be assigned as a permanent Bike Unit for the Tower District.
- **\$383,000 Fire Department facility improvements/repairs** for aging fire stations.
- **\$208,700 Fire Department Vehicle and Equipment purchase** to meet fire service needs.
- **\$365,000 Fire Department Land Acquisition** for future fire stations due to city growth.
- **12 additional Fire Department positions** to be added.

### Parks and Recreation

- **\$25,000 Inspiration Park Boys and Girls Club** for youth afterschool programs.
- **Senior Hot Meals** will be provided for the first time at Inspiration Park beginning this summer. **(M-F 9am—1pm).**
- **\$1,500 in Swim Scholarships** (30 scholarships-Fresno and Central High School).
- **EOC Summer Food Program Quigley and Inspiration Park**, meals for youth program expanded to these new locations.
- **\$1,000,000 Parks infrastructure**, dedicated funds for citywide maintenance and irrigation needs in neighborhood parks.

### Taking Care of our Seniors

- **\$100,000 funded for initiation of a Mature Adult Center Business Plan.**

### Investing in our Youth

- **\$100,000 for the Fresno Youth Commission** was approved extending the program 2 years.
- **Junior Lifeguard Program Funded**, providing 14 young people an opportunity to learn a skill and earn money during the summer.
- **Summer Youth Internships Program** has been funded for two additional years. City Youth Summer Jobs providing training and opportunities for youth.

### Housing

- **\$1,000,000 Housing Funds**, recognizing the critical need for affordable housing options and opportunities the City of Fresno has set aside \$1,000,000 for use of first time home buyer down payment assistance, rehabilitation of housing and affordable housing units.

### Neighborhood Restoration

Our City continues to invest funding for maintenance, repair and replacement of our aging neighborhood infrastructure.

- **\$775,000 for Sidewalks** in Shields/Dakota neighborhoods.
- **\$795,000 Signal Light** Shields/Weber.
- **\$389,000 Signal Light** Cornelia/Dakota.
- **\$312,000 Hughes Avenue Street Overlay** Hughes from Ashlan to Emerson.
- **\$1,000,000 Polk Avenue Improvements** west side of Polk, Shaw to Gettysburg (4 year project). Widening of Polk to include new curb, gutter and sidewalk.
- **\$1,004,000 Fresno Metro Flood Control District Pipeline** to collect flood water from streets and direct to drainage basin. Polk/Shaw neighborhood streets.
- **\$112,300 Concrete Repairs** in District 1 neighborhoods.
- **\$114,300 Tree Trimming** in District 1 neighborhoods.
- **\$3,400,000 City Infrastructure Improvements** Blackstone/McKinley neighborhoods. As part of a \$16,000,000 private investment State Grant the City was awarded \$3.4 mil for improvements in area of Blackstone/McKinley.

### Building our Reserve

Our City relies on a strong reserve to strengthen the City's Credit Rate and Bond Capacity. This reserve ensures the City's financial stability in tough economic times.

- **\$9.9 Million increase to the General Fund Reserve** from one time captured Sales Tax Revenue will be allocated to the City Reserve to reach the City's goal of a 10% reserve.



Ribbon Cutting of new Housing Development in District 1



2018 Read Across America at Dailey Elementary



Neighborhood Thrift Store 10 Year Anniversary Recognition



Woman of the Year, District 1 "Dr. Carole Goldsmith"



# District 1 Community Projects

## District 1 Women of the Year

Council President Soria celebrated Women's History Month honoring District 1 women in the City of Fresno who have made significant contributions to our community and who embody courage and hard work. This year's honorees were **Socorro Pelayo** (*Public Safety*),



**Shimeka Conway** (*Education*), **Tammy Rinkenberger** (*Education*), **Sophie Jimenez** (*Youth*), **Susan Kodama** (*Health & Wellness*), **Adela Ruacho** (*Public Safety*), **Courtney Sorensen** (*Business Agriculture*), **Carmen Romero** (*Community Advocacy*), and **Alexandra Knudsen-Thornton** (*Arts & Culture*).

## 2 New Bike Officers in the Tower District!



After 3 years of negotiating and advocating to keep our communities safer, Councilwoman Esmeralda Soria, rallied unanimous support of the Fresno City Council to dedicate two Fresno Police Department Bike Officers to the Tower District.

Officers **Ashley Alvarado** and **Christopher Clark** began their service on July 23, 2018!

## Youth Jobs Taskforce

Council President Esmeralda Soria sponsored a resolution to introduce a City of Fresno Youth Jobs Taskforce. This Task Force will identify and recommend additional programs, potential partnerships and grants to expand employment training and job opportunities for youth in the City of Fresno. Taskforce will begin to meet this Fall.



## West Area Specific Plan Meeting



The West Area Specific Plan is underway and has had two meetings in May and June 2018. The goal is to work together to plan for the future of this area. For more information or to be involved in the West Area Specific Plan process, please contact (559) 621-8181.

## Crosswalk Art Installations in District 1

The Fresno Arts Council was awarded \$7,500 by the California Arts Council and with the help of Councilmember Soria, 8 sidewalks will be transformed into public art installations by adding painted embellishments between designated pedestrian traffic lines. Designs of each crosswalk will be created and applied in collaboration with the surrounding residents.



## District 1 Young Councilmember Program



The 2018 District 1 Young Councilmembers had a productive year learning about career opportunities in public safety, technology, agriculture and medicine. This year's program graduates are **Destiny Her**, **Evelyn Govern**, **Antonio Barajas**, **Marina Garcia**, **Harjot Thiara**, **Monserath Medina**, **Isabel Gonzalez**, **Zoe Miller**, **Jaime De La Cruz**, **Marisela Avila**, **Stephanie Ramirez**, **Kong Xiong** and **Vanessa Ybarra**, students from Fresno, Central and Edison High Schools.

## Homeownership Opportunities in District 1

The City of Fresno announced a partnership with Habitat for Humanity in building three new affordable homes in District 1, west of Highway 99. It made a contribution of \$445,000 from the HOME Investment Partnerships Program. The Mendoza Sardenetas family of 5 was selected for 1 of 3 homes in this subdivision. This project also marks the first time that Habitat for Humanity and the City of Fresno have partnered on this type of development in Council District 1.



## Did You Know?

### ABOUT LOCAL ENERGY & COST SAVINGS PROGRAMS



There are two local opportunities for low-income families to upgrade their homes to become more energy efficient and reduce energy costs. The Fresno Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) Weatherization program provides energy efficiency education and upgrades to low-income families. These upgrades could include insulation, lightbulb replacement, and/or weatherstripping.

Call the EOC Weatherization Office for information at **263-1588**. Free solar installations are also available for eligible customers. The Fresno EOC will release applications in the Fall on their website: <http://www.fresnoeoc.org/weatherization/solar>.

**GRID Alternatives** – Central Valley installs solar systems on homes at no cost to qualifying families. Visit their website: <https://gridalternatives.org/cv> or call **261-4743** for more information.



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## Fresno City Councilmember District 1

### City Services/Servicios de la Ciudad 621-CITY(2489)

Emergency ( <i>Emergencia</i> )	911
Fire Non-Emergency ( <i>Departamento de Bomberos numero de no emergencia</i> )	621-4199
Public Nuisance ( <i>Alteración del Orden Público</i> )	621-7000
Malicious activity ( <i>Actividad Maliciosa</i> )	621 - 7000
Health Hazards ( <i>Peligro para la salud</i> )	600 - 4259
Noise ( <i>Ruido</i> )	
Loud Parties ( <i>Música a todo volumen</i> )	621 - 7000
Construction Noise ( <i>Ruido de Construcción</i> )	621 - 2489
Industrial and Commercial ( <i>Industrial o Commercial</i> )	621 - 2489
Police District Offices ( <i>Oficinas de Policía del Distrito</i> )	
Northwest ( <i>Noroeste</i> )	621 - 6500
Central ( <i>Central de Fresno</i> )	621 - 6200
Southwest ( <i>Sur Oeste</i> )	621 - 6100
Graffiti Removal ( <i>Eliminación de Graffiti</i> )	621 - 7000
Vehicle Crimes ( <i>Crímenes Vehiculares</i> )	
Vehicle Theft ( <i>Robo de Vehículos</i> )	621 - 7000
Vehicle Parking ( <i>Estacionamiento de Vehículos</i> )	621 - 7000
Trash & Debris ( <i>Basura &amp; Escombros</i> )	
Operation Cleanup ( <i>Operación de Limpieza</i> )	621 - 1452
Regular garbage pick-up ( <i>Levantamiento de basura</i> )	621 - 1452
Other Services ( <i>Otros Servicios</i> )	
Watering Schedule ( <i>Horario de Riego</i> )	621 - 8400
Weeds ( <i>Maleza</i> )	621 - 8400
Street Flooding ( <i>Inundaciones de las calles</i> )	621 - 1492
Illegal Dumping ( <i>Basura tirada ilegalmente</i> )	621 - 2489
Street Lights ( <i>Luces de la calle</i> )	621 - 2489
Street Sweeping ( <i>Barrido de calles</i> )	621 - 2489
Trash on the street ( <i>Basura en la calle</i> )	621 - 2489
Tires ( <i>Llantas</i> )	621 - 8400
Trees ( <i>Árboles</i> )	621 - 1492
Housing Assistance ( <i>Asistencia de Vivienda</i> )	445 - 8940

#### Contact Our Office for:

Resident Services - Contact the District One Office with issues such as graffiti, potholes, broken streetlights, blight, and other neighborhood concerns.

Get Involved - These committees serve District One.

- District One Implementation Committee
- Tower District Design and Review Committee
- The Youth Commission
- Young Councilmember Program
- Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Call our office for vacancies or apply online at: <https://www.fresno.gov/cityclerk/boards-commissions/board-commission-application/>

#### Contacte Nuestra Oficina para:

Servicios para residentes– Por favor llame a la oficina del Distrito 1 si tiene problemas de graffiti, hoyos en su calle, luces de la ciudad quebradas o fundidas, o alguna otra preocupación.

Involúcrese– Estos comités sirven y benefician al Distrito Uno.

- El Comité de Implementación
- Diseño y Revisión del Distrito Tower
- La Comisión de Jóvenes
- Programa de Concejales Juveniles
- Comité Asesor de Bicicletas y Peatones

Llame a nuestra oficina para posiciones vacantes o encuentre la solicitud en el internet:

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#### FresGO

Download the FresGO app on your smart phone. Report your issues online!

#### FresGO

Descargue la aplicación a través de su teléfono. Reporte sus preocupaciones por el internet!



*We are here to serve you!*

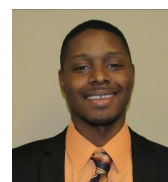
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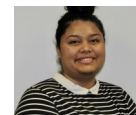
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#### District 1 Interns



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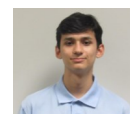


**Alexandria Sanchez**  
Fresno State

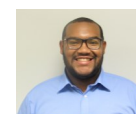


**Ignacio Barbosa**  
UC Davis

#### 2018 Summer Interns



**Richard Kohls**  
Boys & Girls Club



**Richard McCoy**  
University of San Francisco



**Eliza Guzman**  
Kingsburg High School